
From: Piro, Peter (DPH)
Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2011 7:20 AM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: RE: Single Chemist Meeting

Julie,
Locking fields is huge improvements so we don't accidentally corrupt the spreadsheet. However, I have concerns if we can't guarantee chemists are using the validated spreadsheet. A reviewer would have to either enter the data manually or copy the data to his/her own spreadsheet (if access to the original file was possible) in order to check the validity of the estimated net weight and sampling number.

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Peter,
This is not a program; it's a spreadsheet. Once it is validated we can lock the fields with the formulas, so that they cannot be inadvertently changed. We will verify the calculations annually.
Julie

From: Piro, Peter (DPH)
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Following up on some of the meeting topics, I would like to clarify a few points of concern regarding the statistical program.

1. Validating the statistical program for accuracy.
2. Making sure certain fields can not be manipulated once the program performs a calculation. Currently, just about any relevant field can be altered after the program performs its calculations.

For example, net weight, standard deviation, and the estimated minimum/maximum net weight range can be altered.

3. Administrative privileges- I think only Kip or IT should have the programs password and ability to alter the program.

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